



Alicia Woodruff & Lawrence Tompkins

Alicia and Lawrence met as students at Marywood University and became engaged in August 2009. On August 6, 2010, they married at Elkdale Baptist Church in West Clifford. Many of the bride and groom's family members met for the first time at the rehearsal dinner. The mother of the groom made blueberry jam as a favor and topped each bottle with a poem titled "Berry in Love." The couple also gave each person at the dinner a poem to let them know how special they were.

The intimate wedding included their closest family and friends. The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father to Edwin McCain's "Walk With You." Pastor Walter Sears mixed seriousness with laughter throughout the ceremony. Two candles were lit in remembrance of loved ones that were unable to be there. The mothers of the bride and groom took the flame from these candles to light their side of the unity candle. A hydrangea plant in the front of the church also served as a reminder of loved ones lost; it would later be planted at the

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newly-weds' home.

Both Alicia and Lawrence grew up in small, rural towns and share a love for the outdoors. **They chose Stone Bridge Inn & Restaurant in Union Dale to host an outdoor reception that reflected the natural beauty of the region.** The bride's

aunt created all the floral arrangements and décor, inspired by colonial Williamsburg, Virginia. An emotional mother/son dance to "My Wish" by Rascal Flatts was followed by a father/daughter dance to "Turn Around" by Kenny Loggins, which the father-of-the-bride has been known to sing to his children at their milestones. Within the wedding invitation, guests were asked to provide song requests for the reception. Guests were even given flip-flops at the reception to comfortably dance the night away! Everyone was having such a good time, the reception was extended an extra hour and was followed by an after party.

The bride is a business development specialist at MetroAction; the groom is an English and social studies teacher at Susquehanna Community High School. After a honeymoon to Virginia Beach and Williamsburg, the couple now resides in Susquehanna.

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